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In re Application of:)	
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Application No. 10/517,443)	Examiner: Jeffrey Keith Wong
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Filed: December 9, 2004)	Confirmation No. 8650
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For: GAME MACHINE HAVING DATA)	
MANAGEMENT ABILITY)	
(as amended))	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed non-patent literature documents are attached. The non-patent literature documents include a Notice of Reasons for Rejection, dated December 15, 2009, from the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2008-114745, and a Notice of Reasons for Rejection, dated December 15, 2009, from the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese Patent

Application No. 2007-156361. The documents which the attached Notices of Reasons for Rejection cite and discuss were previously submitted for the Examiner's consideration in IDSs filed on January 5, 2007, and May 2, 2007.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed non-patent literature documents, a partial English-language translation of the December 15, 2009 Notice of Reasons for Rejection in counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2008-114745, and a partial English-language translation of the December 15, 2009 Notice of Reasons for Rejection in counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2007-156361 are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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